

### Los Angeles County Certified Unified Program Agency Health Hazardous Materials Division



## FUTURE HAZARDOUS WASTE MANIFEST CHANGES

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This fact sheet summarizes the future changes in the hazardous waste manifest form. The new manifest form will be effective on September 6, 2006.

#### **NEW REGULATIONS**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published final regulations in the Federal Register changing the manifesting of hazardous waste. These regulations standardize the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest form and prohibit states from modifying it. The resultant changes impact everyone who manifests hazardous waste; however, the new manifest form will not be effective until September 6, 2006. Until then, businesses must continue to use the current manifest procedures and forms.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will incorporate the required federal changes into the existing state manifest system. DTSC plans to adopt the California regulations in early 2006 to allow more time for permitted facilities, transporters, and generators to get ready to use the manifest form and procedures. DTSC will hold workshops and a comment period on the draft regulations in late summer of 2005. Notification of these events will be placed on the DTSC website at <a href="https://www.dtsc.ca.gov">www.dtsc.ca.gov</a> under "Laws, Regulations and Policies, Proposed Regulations." After adoption of regulations, the DTSC will issue more guidance about the new manifest form and procedures to the regulated community and regulatory staff.

#### **REVISED MANIFEST FORM**

The new federal regulations will reduce most of the inconsistencies in the state manifest requirements. With the changes, the same manifest form will be used in all jurisdictions. The changes also enhance reporting of international waste shipments (imports and exports) and clarify the handling of rejected waste shipments and container residues. Once adopted, the new regulations will drastically change the current manifests procedures and forms. These changes will:

- Standardize the content and appearance of the manifest form and continuation sheet (Forms 8700-22 and 22a).
- Make manifest forms available from a greater number of sources.
- Adopt new procedures for tracking certain types of waste shipments on the manifest. These shipments include hazardous wastes:
  - Rejected by destination facilities
  - Consisting of residues from non-empty hazardous waste containers
  - o Entering or leaving the United States
- Adopt standardized handling codes for use by receiving facilities on all manifests.
- Eliminate state-only information fields, except for state waste codes.

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- Prohibit states from requiring any other information to be added to manifests or documents to be carried with manifests.
- Provide space for generators to specify:
  - o The 24-hour emergency phone number
  - The site location if different from the mailing address

The above changes are upcoming. The current California manifest form must be used through September 5, 2006. The DTSC will discontinue printing the existing manifests after that date and private vendors will supply the new manifests.

#### **ONLINE DOCUMENT LINKS**

For the DTSC fact sheet on the new manifesting regulations, go to <a href="https://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegulationsPolicies/ManifestChanges/HWM">www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegulationsPolicies/ManifestChanges/HWM</a> FS Manifest.pdf

For the EPA fact sheet on the new manifesting regulations, go to www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/gener/manifest/manfst-fs.htm

To see an example of the new manifest form and continuation sheet, go to www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/gener/manifest/forms.htm

For the complete Federal Register Notice, go to www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-WASTE/2005/March?Day-04/f1966.htm

**NOTE:** This fact sheet is a summary of the laws and regulations pertaining to this subject. It is intended for informational purposes only and may not encompass all the laws and regulations to this topic. More details may be found at Cal/EPA Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) <a href="www.dtsc.ca.gov">www.dtsc.ca.gov</a>. If further information is needed, call the County of Los Angeles CUPA at (323) 890-4045, or your local district office.

#### References

- Environmental Protection Agency Fact Sheet: "Hazardous Waste Manifest System Streamlined"
- Federal Register: March 4, 2005 (Volume 70, Number 42)
- Cal/EPA DTSC Fact Sheet: "Upcoming Manifest Changes"